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The way to build up Dallas is to patronize Dallas people.



CROP IS NOT DAMAGED

Prune Growers Say Hot Weather Has Not Injured the Fruit to Any Great Extent.

The hot weather of the past few days has been hailed with satisfaction by the hopgrowers, for the reason that it has checked the spread of vermin and brightened the prospects for a clean crop; but among some of the prune men there has been no such spirit of rejoicing. A few days ago, a number of the prominent orchardists were greatly alarmed lest the prune crop might be seriously damaged by the hot, dry weather, but it now appears that in most instances these fears were groundless and that no bad results are likely to follow. Individual estimates of the crop differ, but, after a careful investigation of the situation, it is safe to say that the 1933 prune crop will be about up to the usual average.

The OREGONIAN has endeavored to ascertain as nearly as possible the true condition of the orchards in the hills around Dallas, and to this end has personally interviewed a number of the leading growers. Their opinions are given herewith:

M. M. Ellis—"I have not examined any except my own and the Hayes orchards. While there are many prunes on the ground, the drop is not all off yet, and from present appearances it will be much heavier than usual. The hot weather does not appear to have dwarfed the growth of the fruit, and I think it will be of good, fair size. I estimate that my orchard will fall short from 25 to 40 per cent this year. I would safely place the crop at 60 per cent of that of last year."

R. L. Chapman, the owner of a 50-acre orchard north of town, said: "There is a considerable drop in my orchard, but, judging from present prospects, sufficient fruit will remain on the trees to insure a good crop. The dry weather has not injured the fruit in the least; on the contrary, it has helped it, as it has developed the sugar in the prunes and will cause them to dry heavier. In wet seasons, the prunes grow to a good size, but they are usually watery, and dry light. Notwithstanding the fact that we trimmed the trees heavily last year, I look for a larger crop than usual. Through cultivation has kept the moisture close to the surface of the ground, and the trees are green and healthy."

H. S. Butz—"Polk county will produce more prunes this year than it did last year, and from all appearances they will be large. I have talked with many growers, and almost without exception they report prospects good for a large crop. It is true that many prunes are dropping off the trees, but it should be remembered that they do this every year. The drop in my orchard this year is no heavier than usual. My trees are looking fine, and so are those of my neighbor, E. H. Hibbard. In some localities in the county, our leaf is more noticeable than usual. I do not know whether this is caused by dry weather, or not."

J. B. Nunn—"There is no question in my mind but that the hot weather of the past week has injured the prune crop. The heat has checked the growth of the fruit, and much of it is dropping from the trees. I estimate my loss at 25 per cent."

H. G. Campbell—"My trees are full to the point of breaking. They are as full as I want them; in fact, it would be better for them if some of the fruit were removed. The trees are green and healthy. I will have a larger crop than I had last year."

Dr. Mark Hayter—"It is not too early to say that I will have a larger crop than ever before. My orchard is in a healthy condition, and the young trees, especially, have made a surprising growth. I cannot see that the hot weather has injured the fruit in the least."

Wm. Grant—"If there is any indication of a short crop, I am unable to discover it. My orchard will yield heavier than ever before. The trees are laden with fruit—all they will stand. The Italians are bluing rapidly, and will be of good size."

It is reported that the Kimball, Howe, Elliott and Enns' Sisters orchards are in a thrifty condition, and that an average crop is expected in each.

General Debility

Day in and out there is that feeling of weakness that makes a burden of itself. Food does not strengthen. Sleep does not refresh.

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DALLAS' BIG SAWMILL

Many Expensive Improvements Are Being Made to Plant This Summer.

Improvement is the order of the day over at the W. W. Johnson Lumber Company's big sawmill plant in the north end of town. Under the direction of the enterprising general manager, George E. Johnson, the entire plant is undergoing a steady transformation, with the result that the capacity of the mill is being rapidly increased. No new machinery has been added recently, but everything has been so conveniently arranged that a greatly increased daily output of lumber is possible. When the mill was built a few years ago, machinery for a daily capacity of 30,000 feet was installed. The addition of a gang edger a few months later gave the plant a capacity of something like 35,000 feet. With this same equipment there has scarcely been a day this summer when the output has fallen below 40,000 feet, and in a recent day of 10 hours the cut reached the enormous total of 54,000 feet. Active preparation is now under way to enlarge the mill and make the daily capacity still larger.

Much work of a substantial character has been done upon the LaCreole creek this summer in the way of strengthening the banks, deepening the channel, blasting out rocks, and improving the flood dams. The narrow chasm, familiarly known as "The Gorge," in the mountains twelve miles west of town, has been blasted out and widened, and the tortuous channel of the LaCreole at that point has been straightened, until the loggers no longer find there the annoying obstacle which at one time caused much worry and expense in floating logs down to the mill. The stream has been improved in other places, particularly at a point on the Cutler farm near town, where a large amount of cribbing has been put in.

The banks of the log pond at the mill have been raised and strengthened, and of late much work has been done in clearing the pond of trees and driftwood that have been floated in with the logs. The race leading from the creek to the pond has been deepened and widened by the continuous flooding of logs until it has an average width of probably 20 feet from bank to bank and is deep enough in most places to float a large log, even at the present low stage of water. The new headgate is built in such a manner as to make the work of regulating the passage of logs into the pond much easier than formerly.

The company has purchased from Mrs. H. L. Veazie the tract of land lying between the south end of the pond and the City Park, and will convert the same into additional pond room. A force of men and teams will begin the excavation in the near future. This LaCreole makes a short bend at this point, and of late years the stream has been making serious encroachments upon the north bank in seasons of high water. A substantial crib will be built to protect the pond and prevent the washing away of any more of this valuable land. The lumber for the crib is already on the ground. The enlarged pond will fill a long-felt want by giving the company much better facilities for the storing and handling of logs.

The flood-dams in the LaCreole are being put in the best of shape for the Fall and Winter run of logs, and every precaution is being taken to protect them from the effects of high water. Manager Johnson informs us that the old dam below the mouth of Laurel creek will be removed and a larger and better one built in its place. The new dam will be built according to the latest approved plans for structures of this class, and will be provided with what is known as a "half-moon" gate. This gate is simple in its construction, and has many points of superiority over the old-style "splash-board" gate. It can be operated by one man, and is easily and quickly lowered or raised at any stage of water. There is absolutely no danger connected with its operation, and the expense of keeping it in repair is small.

A large amount of new machinery has been ordered by the company, and will be placed in position before the winter season begins. Probably the most useful, and, at the same time most expensive, machine included in the order is a new 150-horse-power logging engine, which is to take the place of the light engine now being used in the mountains. This engine has a double cylinder and double drum, and will operate one mile of cable. By its use, the largest and longest logs can be easily handled.

In addition to the three boilers and the monster four-valve engine now in use, a 110-horse boiler and 55-horse engine will be installed to drive the present planer and another which is to be added at once. To accommodate the two planers, a larger planer shed will be built. A new conveyor will carry the dust and shavings across the pond, a distance of several hundred feet, where they will be burned. The company is constantly reclaiming the ground that has been washed away by the LaCreole in recent years. Much yard room has been gained by filling in the dry creek bed with slabs and sawdust, thus forcing the stream back to its natural channel.

The mill has excellent facilities for handling and shipping lumber, a short spur from the Southern Pacific track running directly into the yard. The company contemplates covering

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the greater portion of the yard with a platform of the same height as a car floor. This will make the work of loading cars much easier than at present. The yard will eventually be extended east to the county road.

The Dallas sawmill was built by Robert Sutor in 1896, and was successfully operated by him until 1900, when he sold the entire property to the Thurston Brothers, of Lindsay, Ontario. The latter firm made many improvements in the plant, and enjoyed a substantial trade. One year ago the mill was sold to the W. W. Johnson Lumber Company. In addition to the mill here, this company operates a large mill in Minneapolis, Minn. George E. Johnson, the manager of the Dallas mill, and Charles H. Johnson, who has charge of the company's interests in the East, are sons of the late W. W. Johnson, a pioneer lumberman of the Mississippi Valley. Both were virtually brought up in the lumber trade, and are thoroughly familiar with the business in its every detail. Their connection with the prominent lumber interests of the Middle West and their many years of experience in the business enable them to operate their mills to the very best advantage. Under their management, the Dallas sawmill is rated as one of the best in Oregon, and its products find a ready sale in the lumber markets of the United States.

CERTIFICATES TO TEACH

Twenty-Seven Applicants Were Successful in Recent Examination.

Examinations of applicants for county certificates to teach school were completed Saturday. The papers of those taking the examination for state certificates were forwarded to State Superintendent Ackerman. The county papers were examined by Superintendent C. L. Starr, Dr. C. C. Poling and Mrs. F. H. Morrison, and the result was announced Monday. Certificates were granted as follows:

First grade—Miss Maggie Hampton, of Rooca; W. I. Reynolds, Frank McDougal, Eloise Phillips, Ella Carpenter, of Dallas; Edith Fugate, C. D. Simpson, of Independence; Etta Trout of Salem.

Second grade—Miss Bessie Young, Lina Stouffer, of Dallas; Miss Beatrice Burkhead, S. S. Whitman, of Monmouth; Elona Gregg, of Ballston; Mrs. Josephine Strickler, of Sheridan; Miss Katharine Braun, of Perrydale; Miss Maude Hliff, of Independence; Miss Grace Brannon, Lillian Timm, of Salem; Edith Montgomery, of Falls City; Jessie E. Smith, of Salem.

Third grade—Miss Inez Luckey, of Monmouth; Miss Hallie Morrison, Evangelina Hart, of Dallas; Miss Annie Quirk, of Buell; Miss Saldie Richardson, of McCoy; Orrie Arnold, of Pedee; Miss Viola Gwynne, of Independence; Miss Ida M. Smith, of Salem.

H. C. Eakin and son, Jack, were Portland visitors yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Davison, of Walla Walla, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Piper this week.

On account of a light breeze, the first contest between the Reliance and the Shamrock yesterday resulted in no race. The Shamrock was two miles behind when the race was abandoned.

Mrs. P. H. Flynn, wife of Master Mechanic Flynn of the Dallas & Falls City railroad, accompanied by her daughters, Helen and Irene, came up from Portland for an over Sunday visit.

M. J. Clark, the millionaire grocery merchant of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Howard Morley, a prominent capitalist of Duluth, Minn., who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cutler, left for home yesterday morning. Both gentlemen own large tracts of timber in the Siletz country.

Potent Pill Pleasure. The pills that are potent in their action and pleasant in effect are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. W. S. Philpot of Albany, Ga., says: "During a bilious attack I took one. Small as it was it did me more good than calomel, blue-mass or any other pills I ever took and at the same time it effected me pleasantly. Little Early Risers are certainly an ideal pill."

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. J. S. Macomber to Isal Macomber, 78 acres, t 8 s, r 6 w, \$1. E. E. and Fannie Yarnell to John Young, tract in A Bevens d l c, \$400. Gilbert Tyson to John L. Dernbach, lot 9, block R, 1st add to Falls City, \$35.

Gilbert Tyson to Joseph W. Dernbach, lot 10, block R, 1st add to Falls City, \$35.

Charles D. Tice to Mary E. Wright, 52.50 acres, t 8 s, r 6 w, \$1600.

W. L. Gilson to Anna H. Pfandhoefer, lot 1, block H; lot 6, block I; also, that portion of Second street lying between Mill and Main streets, Falls City, \$350.

Castle & Shaw to W. M. Jones and Clarence Hout, tract in Isaac Levens d l c, \$700.

Thomas J. Parker et ux to Abraham Buhler, 27.42 acres, t 6 s, r 5 w, \$575.

J. J. and S. T. Thurston to David Peters, 22.45 acres, t 7 s, r 5 w, \$8000.

W. L. Gilson et ux to Mary E. Gilson, lot 10, block T, 1st add to Falls City, \$75.

I. H. Whealdon et ux to Mitchell Ellis, 135 acres, t 7 s, r 5 w, \$4000.

Dora and L. B. Mitchell to Mary A. Sines, lots 7 and 8, block 5, Monmouth, \$300.

PROBATE. Estate of Daniel Vanbuskirk, deceased—estate closed.

Estate of Henri Grosse, deceased—Andrew Verrier appointed administrator; bonds fixed at \$500.

Estate of John Ellis, deceased—petition to sell personal property granted.

BALLSTON CIRCLE WINS

Ladies Capture Prizes Aggregating Neat Sum of \$110.

Ballston Circle, No. 78, Women of Woodcraft, has won the two prizes offered by the Grand Circle for the greatest per cent of increase in membership, and the lodge treasury is enriched \$110 thereby. The two prizes were \$75 and \$35, respectively. The first prize was for the greatest gain in membership in the Pacific Jurisdiction, and the second for the greatest per cent of new members in any one Circle. The ladies naturally feel much elated over their success. Mrs. N. F. Gregg is the Guardian Neighbor of the Circle, and W. R. Birks is clerk.

J. H. Dunn came out from Newport, Wednesday.

Wheat is quoted at 74 cents at the Dallas Flouring Mill this morning.

Mrs. H. L. Fenton and son, Carl, returned home from Newport, Wednesday.

W. V. Fuller left yesterday on a business visit to Seattle and other Puget Sound points.

R. E. Williams arrived home from his annual outing at Newport, Wednesday. He says that there are more people at this popular resort this year than ever before.

Miss Bertha Collins has leased the vacant room next door to Ellis & Koy's store, and will open a stock of choice millinery. The room is being handsomely furnished for her use.

S. G. Stevens will open a restaurant tomorrow in the room formerly occupied by the Aldrich Sisters. The place will be kept clean and inviting, and the tables will be supplied with the best the market affords. The restaurant will be open day and night. Your patronage is respectfully solicited.

T. W. Brunk, the Eola farmer and stock raiser, left yesterday afternoon for Ohio. He will attend the Poland China hog sale at Camden, Ohio, and also a fine hog sale at Cynthiana, Ohio, after which he will visit relatives at Springfield, Ill. Mr. Brunk breeds only the finest stock on his large ranch, and intends purchasing several fine hogs at the sales he will attend.—Statesman.

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